



# MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

### 466 – PATROL RIFLE

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Captain Regina Howard  
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**ACTION:** Amends General Order 2009-25 (June 4, 2009)

**WILEAG STANDARD(S):** 5.2.1, 5.3.1,  
12.1.1, 12.1.2, 12.1.3

#### **466.00 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this standard operating procedure is to provide guidance to police members on the proper use of the department's patrol rifle system.

The department is authorizing the use of a Smith & Wesson M&P 15 rifle as a deadly force option in conjunction with existing department policies, practices, and under law and ordinance.

Some advantages of the patrol rifle as a deadly force option include:

- Defeating body armor;
- Distance shooting with the accuracy of optics for target isolation;
- Increased officer and citizen protection against superior weapon that are used by suspects;
- Response to active shooters;
- Ambidextrous sighting systems for left or right handed officers.

#### **466.05 DEFINITIONS (WILEAG 12.1.1)**

##### **A. PATROL RIFLE**

A Smith & Wesson M&P 15 semi-automatic rifle, .223 caliber, external magazine fed, equipped with a two point sling.  
(WILEAG 12.1.1.1, 12.1.1.2)

##### **B. MAGAZINE**

External ammunition source that feeds ammunition into the weapon.

##### **C. SLING**

A strap device attached to the patrol rifle that allows the user to carry the weapon over their shoulder.

##### **D. EO TECH OPTIC**

A holographic, non-magnifying sighting system, with a 64 minute of angle, close-

quarter ring and a 2 minute of angle dot for distance shooting. It has a dimming capability for low-light and ambient light. It is operated by two standard "AA" batteries.

#### E. SIGHTING ZERO

The point of aim in relation to the point of a bullets impact when looking through a sighting system.

#### F. RETICLE

The image that is projected in the optic, which is used for aiming.

### **466.10 MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITIES (WILEAG 5.2.1, 5.3.1, 12.1.2, 12.1.3)**

- A. Only police members that have completed the department's patrol rifle certification training program shall be authorized to carry and deploy the patrol rifle. Members are required to complete recertification on an annual basis.
- B. When not in use, the rifle, case, and peripherals shall be stored in a secure area of the work location as designated by the commanding officer. Patrol rifle trained and certified members shall sign-out the patrol rifle at the start of their shift and sign-in the patrol rifle at the end of their shift in a *Patrol Rifle Log Book*. Rifles shall be unloaded and cleared each time they are stored.
- C. Prior to the start of each shift, as well as at the end of the shift, the member signing out the patrol rifle shall inspect the rifle, ammunition, optics/sighting systems, slings and rifle cases to ensure the equipment is in proper working order and that all ammunition is accounted for.
- D. A supervisor shall be notified immediately if any patrol rifle equipment is damaged, not functioning properly or if all rounds are not accounted for. If equipment is damaged, not functioning properly or ammunition is unaccounted for the patrol rifle shall be taken out of service and tagged "do not use." The Police Academy – Firearms Unit shall be notified as soon as practicable.
- E. At the start of each shift, members equipped with a patrol rifle shall notify the dispatcher that they are equipped with a patrol rifle. A notation identifying the member as being equipped with the patrol rifle shall also be made on the daily line-up in the V: drive.
- F. The patrol rifle shall only be removed from its case when a member anticipates its use, when it is being inspected, conducting a functions check in a safe area, or it is being taken out of service.

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- I. If the patrol rifle is to be discharged, the member shall determine which sighting reticle to use. The primary target areas are the central nervous system and head. The secondary target areas are the upper chest area and heart-lung areas.
- J. If the weapon is discharged, whether intentionally or unintentionally, the member shall notify a supervisor immediately. If a person is struck, emergency medical care must be provided and EMS should be called for through the dispatcher. The responding supervisor shall notify the shift commander of the incident, conduct an administrative review of the incident, and file a *Use of Force Report* in accordance with SOP 460 Use of Force.  
(WILEAG 5.3.1.1)

**466.15 SHIFT COMMANDER/ COMMANDING OFFICERS RESPONSIBILITIES (WILEAG 12.1.1)**

- A. Shift commanders shall ensure that the *Patrol Rifle Control Log* is properly used, only certified and trained patrol users are fielding the weapons system, and the weapons are properly maintained by the individual users. Commanding officers shall ensure a control log is maintained for every patrol rifle as well as a register of ammunition. The control log shall include the type, description, manufacturer, model, and serial number for each patrol rifle as well as the name of the assignee.  
(WILEAG 12.1.1.4)
- B. Commanding officers shall review all *Use of Force Reports* related to the use of the patrol rifle. They shall ensure that the reports are complete and accurate and tracked pursuant to SOP 460 Use of Force.

**466.20 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND CARE (WILEAG 12.1.1)**

- A. Only patrol rifles, ammunition, optics/sighting systems, slings and rifle cases issued, inspected, and approved by the Police Academy - Firearms Unit shall be used. The individual member may replace the EO-Tech optic batteries as needed. No modifications shall be made to the EO-Tech or iron sight zero except by the Police Academy - Firearms Unit.  
(WILEAG 12.1.1.3)
- B. The patrol rifle and peripheral equipment shall be treated with due care and shall not be abused or mistreated.

- C. Only personnel authorized by the Police Academy - Firearms Unit shall conduct repairs of the patrol rifle and peripherals.  
(WILEAG 12.1.1.3)



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